

CHARACTERISTICS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS

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Characteristics of Psychological Tests

1. Standardization
2. Objectivity
3. Test norms
4. Reliability
5. Validity

1. Standardization

It refers to the consistency or uniformity of the conditions and procedure for administering a test. To achieve standardization, people must be tested under uniform conditions.

2. Objectivity

It refers primarily to the scoring of the test result. The scoring process must be free of subjective judgment or bias on the part of the scores.

3. Test Norms

To interpret the result of a psychological test, a frame of reference or point of comparison must be established, so that the performance of one person can be compared with the performance of others. This is accomplished by means of test norms.

4. Reliability

It refers to the consistency of a person's score. For example, a boy takes a cognitive score. For example, a boy takes a cognitive ability test and achieves a mean score of 100 and after one week if we repeat the test and he achieves a mean score of 72, we would describe the test as unreliable because it yields inconsistent measurements.

5. Validity

It refers to the test's accuracy in measuring, what it is supposed to measure. For example, people's scores on that test should be strongly correlated with their grades in school.

Thank you

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